

a year while Bea raised the girls and volunteered with the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

After Ray retired in 1955, the Cohens remained active with the Jewish War Veterans. To this day, Bea volunteers at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Los Angeles. For her 102nd birthday party, Bea displayed her lifelong dedication to troops by asking her guests to bring socks for veterans rather than presents for herself. Bea has dedicated more than 70 years to providing support for American troops and their families. She is an enduring reminder of the contributions of this nation's veterans.

Mr. President, I know all of my colleagues will join me today in honoring Bea Abrams Cohen.●

REMEMBERING MR. JAMES A. BRENNAN, JR.

● Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I wish to honor one of Florida's great public servants, Mr. James A. Brennan, Jr. Mr. Brennan passed away on December 20, 2011.

Mr. Brennan was a long-time aide to Florida Congressman Claude Pepper. He worked for Mr. Pepper from 1963 to 1989, when Mr. Pepper was in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was Mr. Pepper's closest advisor through the Congressman's chairmanships of the House Aging Committee and House Rules Committee.

Mr. Brennan was devoted to Florida. One of his biggest priorities was helping Florida's seniors, both as Mr. Pepper's aide and later as a board member and advisor to the Claude Pepper Foundation in Tallahassee.

Throughout his years working for Mr. Pepper, Mr. Brennan had the support of his wife Yolanda. They had 12 children and 28 grandchildren.

Florida is lucky to have had a public servant like Mr. Brennan, and his service to the State and the country will not be forgotten.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Sec-

retary of the Senate, on March 30, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives that the House agrees to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 38) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives, without amendment.

The message also announced that, pursuant to section 703(c) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 435 note), the Minority Leader reappoints the Honorable David E. Skaggs of Longmont, Colorado, to the Public Interest Declassification Board.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following concurrent resolutions were discharged from the Committee on the Budget, pursuant to section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act, and placed on the calendar:

S. Con. Res. 40. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2012, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2022.

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2284. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide expensing for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2285. A bill to increase civil penalties for institutions of higher education that fail to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime

Statistics Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. Res. 418. A resolution commending the 80 brave men who became known as the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders" for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States during the bombing of Tokyo and 5 other targets on the island of Honshu on April 18, 1942, during the Second World War; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. LEE):

S. Con. Res. 40. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2012, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2022; placed on the calendar.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 17

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 17, a bill to repeal the job-killing tax on medical devices to ensure continued access to life-saving medical devices for patients and maintain the standing of United States as the world leader in medical device innovation.

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 17, supra.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to support early college high schools and other dual enrollment programs.

S. 219

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 219, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and to designate memorials to the service of men and women of the United States in World War I.

S. 274

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to medication therapy management services under the Medicare prescription drug program.